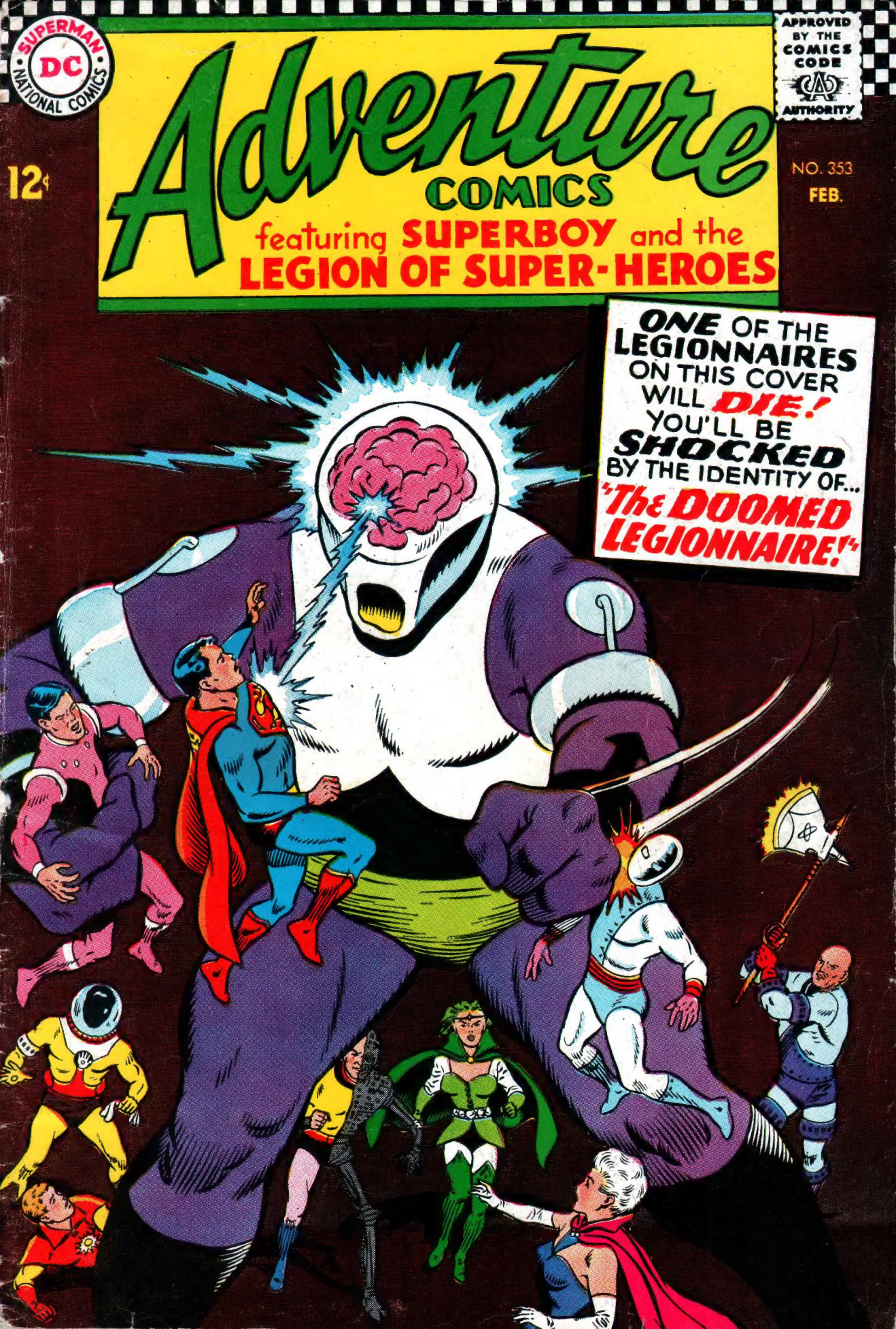
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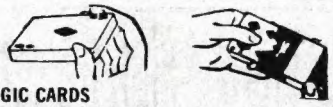

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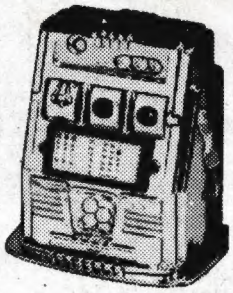

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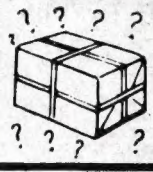

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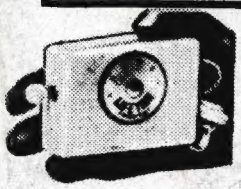

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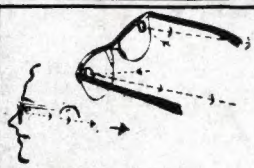
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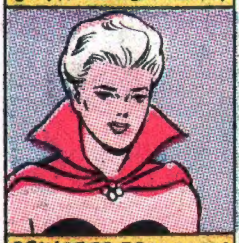

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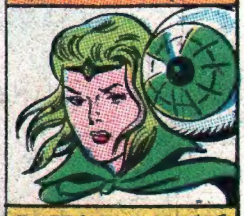
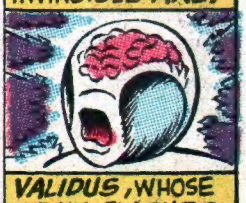
MANO, WHOSE HAND DISINTEGRATES ANYTHING!



EMERALD EMPRESS, MISTRESS OF THE MIGHTY EMERALD EYE!

THE PERSUADER, OWNER OF AN INVINCIBLE AXE!



VALIDUS, WHOSE BRAIN FLASHES LIGHTNING!

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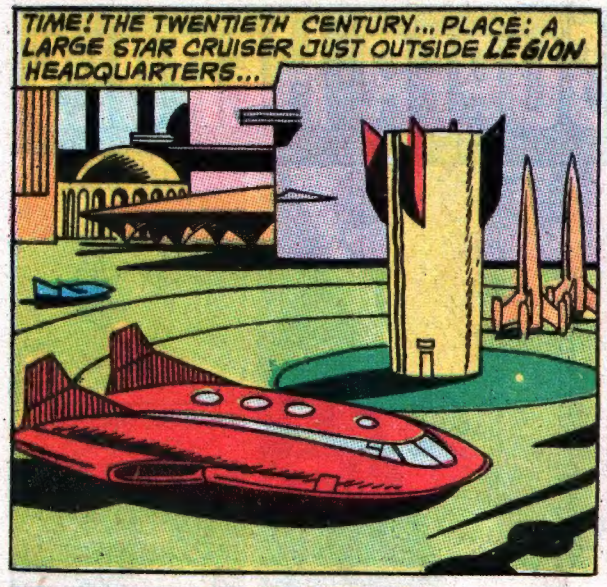
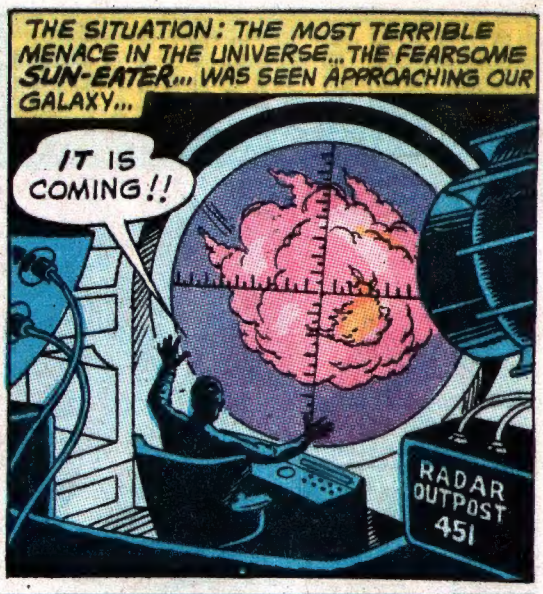

TIME! THE TWENTIETH CENTURY... PLACE: A LARGE STAR CRUISER JUST OUTSIDE LEGION HEADQUARTERS...


THE SITUATION: THE MOST TERRIBLE MENACE IN THE UNIVERSE... THE FEARSOME SUN-EATER... WAS SEEN APPROACHING OUR GALAXY...
IT IS COMING!!
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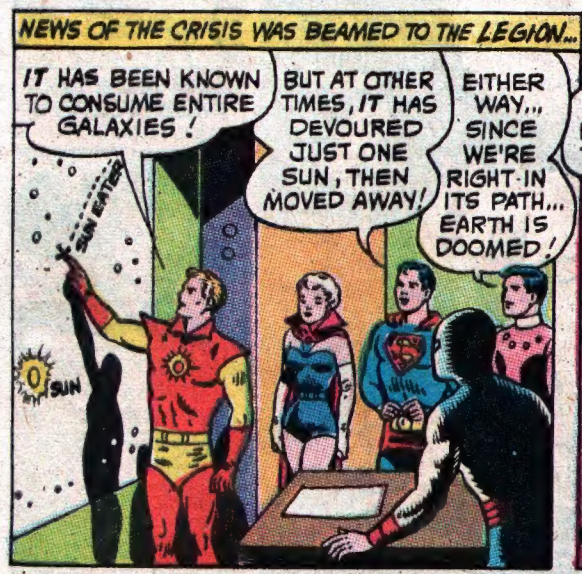
NEWS OF THE CRISIS WAS BEAMED TO THE LEGION...
IT HAS BEEN KNOWN TO CONSUME ENTIRE GALAXIES!
BUT AT OTHER TIMES, IT HAS DEVOURED JUST ONE SUN, THEN MOVED AWAY!
EITHER WAY... SINCE WE'RE RIGHT IN ITS PATH... EARTH IS DOOMED!
SUN EATER
SUN

THE DESPERATE CALL WENT OUT FOR HELP TO ALL THE HEROES OF THE GALAXY, BUT...
I COULD NEVER REACH EARTH IN TIME!
I AM NEEDED HERE, TO HELP BUILD ESCAPE SHIPS!
BAH! WHY SHOULD I RISK MY NECK? IT MAY NOT MENACE MY WORLD!
IT'S A HOPELESS CAUSE!

AND SO...
;SIGH; IN FOUR DAYS, SOL WILL BE DEVOURED ...ALL LIFE ON ITS PLANETS ...INCLUDING EARTH... WILL DIE!
THE OTHER LEGIONNAIRES ARE FAR AWAY...OTHER HEROES WON'T HELP US... WE'VE FAILED!
..SAY, WAIT! THE VILLAINS OF THE GALAXY ARE MENACED, TOO! MAYBE...
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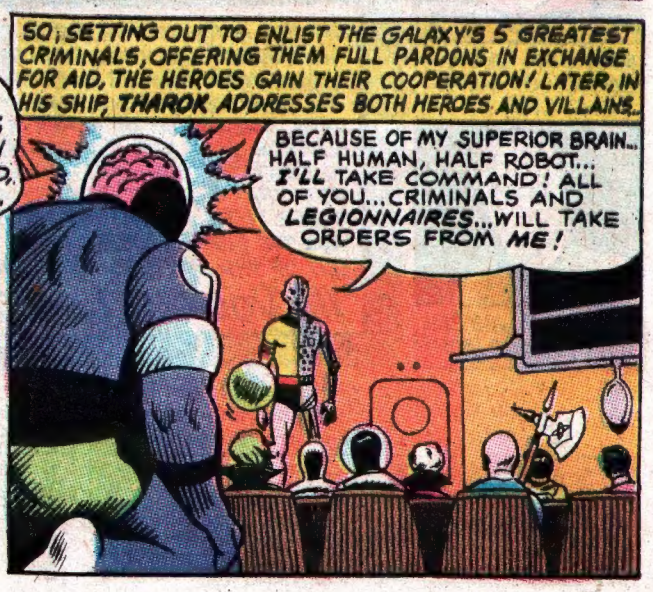
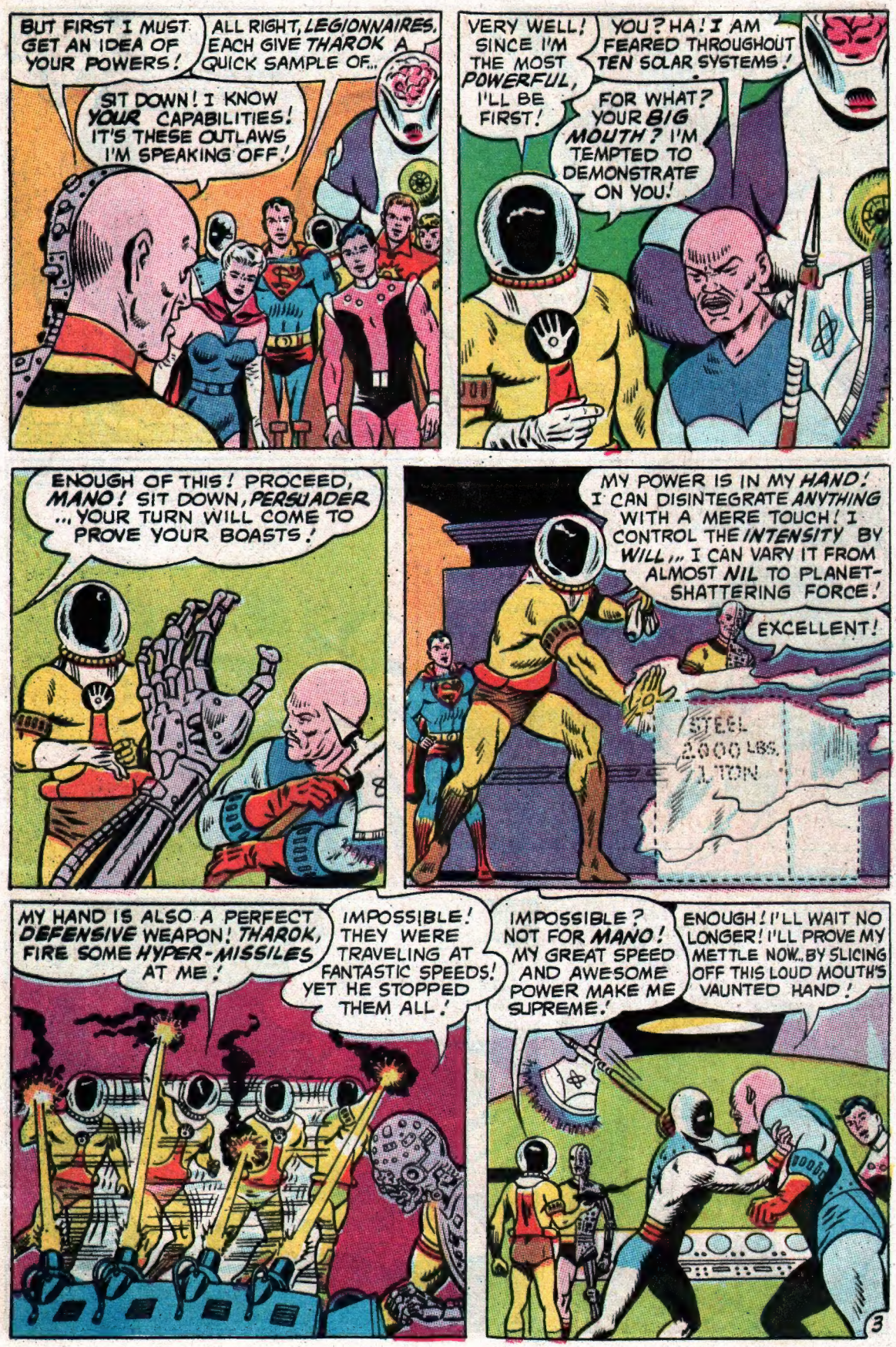

SO; SETTING OUT TO ENLIST THE GALAXY'S 5 GREATEST CRIMINALS, OFFERING THEM FULL PARDONS IN EXCHANGE FOR AID, THE HEROES GAIN THEIR COOPERATION! LATER, IN HIS SHIP, THAROK ADDRESSES BOTH HEROES AND VILLAINS...
BECAUSE OF MY SUPERIOR BRAIN... HALF HUMAN, HALF ROBOT... I'LL TAKE COMMAND! ALL OF YOU... CRIMINALS AND LEGIONNAIRES... WILL TAKE ORDERS FROM ME!


BUT FIRST I MUST GET AN IDEA OF YOUR POWERS!
ALL RIGHT, LEGIONNAIRES, EACH GIVE THAROK A QUICK SAMPLE OF...
SIT DOWN! I KNOW YOUR CAPABILITIES! IT'S THESE OUTLAWS I'M SPEAKING OFF!
VERY WELL! SINCE I'M THE MOST POWERFUL, I'LL BE FIRST!
YOU? HA! I AM FEARED THROUGHOUT TEN SOLAR SYSTEMS!
FOR WHAT? YOUR BIG MOUTH? I'M TEMPTED TO DEMONSTRATE ON YOU!
ENOUGH OF THIS! PROCEED, MANO! SIT DOWN, PERSUADER ... YOUR TURN WILL COME TO PROVE YOUR BOASTS!
MY POWER IS IN MY HAND! I CAN DISINTEGRATE ANYTHING WITH A MERE TOUCH! I CONTROL THE INTENSITY BY WILL ... I CAN VARY IT FROM ALMOST NIL TO PLANET-SHATTERING FORCE!
EXCELLENT!
STEEL 2000 LBS. 1 TON
MY HAND IS ALSO A PERFECT DEFENSIVE WEAPON! THAROK, FIRE SOME HYPER-MISSILES AT ME!
IMPOSSIBLE! THEY WERE TRAVELING AT FANTASTIC SPEEDS! YET HE STOPPED THEM ALL!
IMPOSSIBLE? NOT FOR MANO! MY GREAT SPEED AND AWESOME POWER MAKE ME SUPREME!
ENOUGH! I'LL WAIT NO LONGER! I'LL PROVE MY METTLE NOW... BY SLICING OFF THIS LOUD MOUTH'S VAUNTED HAND!
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WHA... ? UHHN!
BAH! I MISSED! BUT THE CONCUSSION BOWLED YOU OVER... MY NEXT SWING WILL GET YOU!
BAM!
NEXT MOMENT...
HE'S OUT OF RANGE OF MY AXE... BUT MY STRENGTH WILL SERVE ME WELL! FIRST I'LL PIN HIM TO THE WALL WITH THIS PIECE OF MACHINERY!
CRACK
CRUNCH
QUICKLY, MANO RECOVERS FROM THE UNEXPECTED ATTACK...
SO IT'S A FIGHT YOU WANT, EH?
POOF!
WE MUST STOP THEM! THEY'LL KILL EACH OTHER!
LEAVE THEM ALONE! THEY'RE TOO EVENLY MATCHED TO DO ANY HARM... AND I CAN OBSERVE THEM UNDER ACTUAL COMBAT CONDITIONS!
I'LL GET YOU THIS TIME!
YOU AND HOW MANY LEGIONNAIRES? NOW, BEFORE I DEMOLISH YOU WITH MY HAND...
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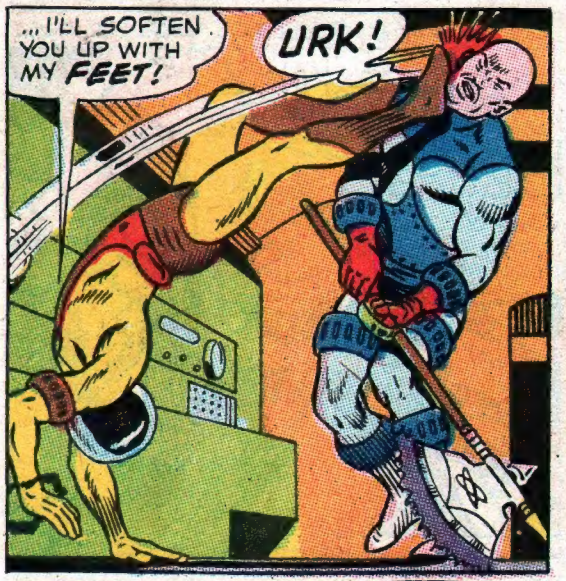
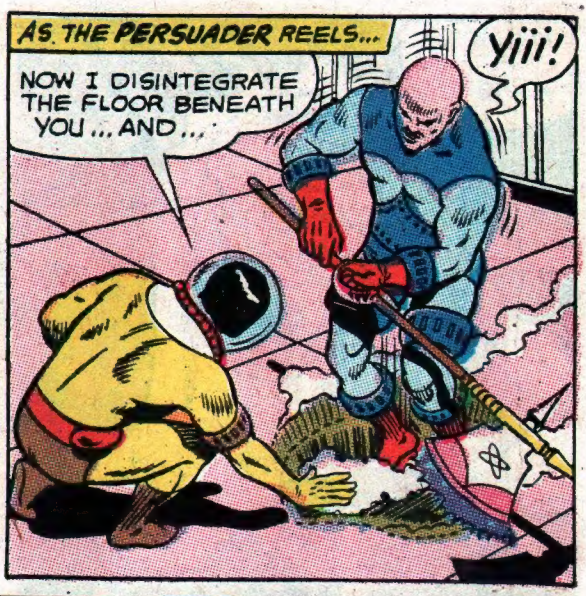

...I'LL SOFTEN YOU UP WITH MY FEET!
URK!


AS THE PERSUADER REELS...
NOW I DISINTEGRATE THE FLOOR BENEATH YOU ... AND ...
Yiii!

YOU FORGET MY AXE CUTS ENERGY. I SIMPLY SLICED GRAVITY BENEATH ME AND ROSE UP AGAIN! AND NOW...
WE'LL SEE WHICH IS MORE POWERFUL ... MY HAND OR YOUR AXE!

INVINCIBLE AXE MEETS UNSTOPPABLE HAND... AND...

STUNNED BY THE BLAST, THE PERSUADER AND MANO REEL...
NO MORE SENSELESS BRAWLING. YOU TWO WILL WRECK THE SHIP!
IT'S THE EMERALD EMPRESS, USING HER EMERALD EYE TO CREATE BONDS TO HOLD US!
RELEASE US, WOMAN, OR YOUR PRETTY THROAT WILL FEEL MY BLADE!

I ECHO THE PERSUADER, EMPRESS... LET US GO, OR INCUR MY WRATH!
LOOK OUT... VALIDUS IS GETTING MAD!

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LITTLE PETE
GEE, THANKS. IT'S A NEAT MODEL CAR KIT!
HILLARY BOETTCHER
YOU KNOW, DAD, I HOPE IT RAINS!
WHY DO YOU WANT IT TO RAIN?
WELL, IF THE SUN IS SHINING, MOM MAKES ME GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY.
BUT IF IT RAINS, I CAN STAY INSIDE AND MAKE MY NEW MODEL CAR!
Tick-tock... Tick-tock... Tick-tock...
COUNT THE MINUTES... COUNT THE SECONDS...
TIME IS RUNNING OUT
AS EACH CLICK OF THE CLOCK SIGNALS THE SEA KING'S DOOM!
DON'T LET TIME RUN OUT ON YOU! HURRY TO YOUR FAVORITE NEWSSTAND FOR THE LATEST SMASH ISSUE OF...
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DIDN'T YOU EVER LEARN TO KNOCK?
I HAVE NO NEED FOR KNOCKING! I ENTER WHERE I PLEASE!
STATE YOUR BUSINESS AND LEAVE! I'M BUSY!
I HAVE A PROPOSITION FOR YOU, EMPRESS! YOU AND I COULD WORK TOGETHER... TAKE OVER THIS SHIP AND ESCAPE TO ANOTHER GALAXY! TOGETHER, WE COULD RULE THE UNIVERSE!
YOU'RE A FOOL, MANO! IT WOULD NEVER WORK... WE'RE TOO MUCH ALIKE! WE'D ALWAYS BE AT EACH OTHER'S THROATS!
SO... MAYBE I'LL CONVINCE YOU!
I'LL DO THE CONVINCING— WITH THE FORCE FROM MY EMERALD EYE!
BAH! YOUR ENERGY HANDCUFFS ARE INEFFECTUAL, EMPRESS! I'LL DISINTEGRATE THEM AND BE FREE IN SECONDS!
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOU HAVE SECONDS?
HEY?? WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
¡OOF!! YOU HAVEN'T HEARD THE LAST OF THIS, EMPRESS!
NOTHING, REALLY... JUST A SMALL DIFFERENCE OF OPINION! COME IN, SUPERBOY! I WANT TO TALK TO YOU!
I CAN'T! I'M ON DUTY!
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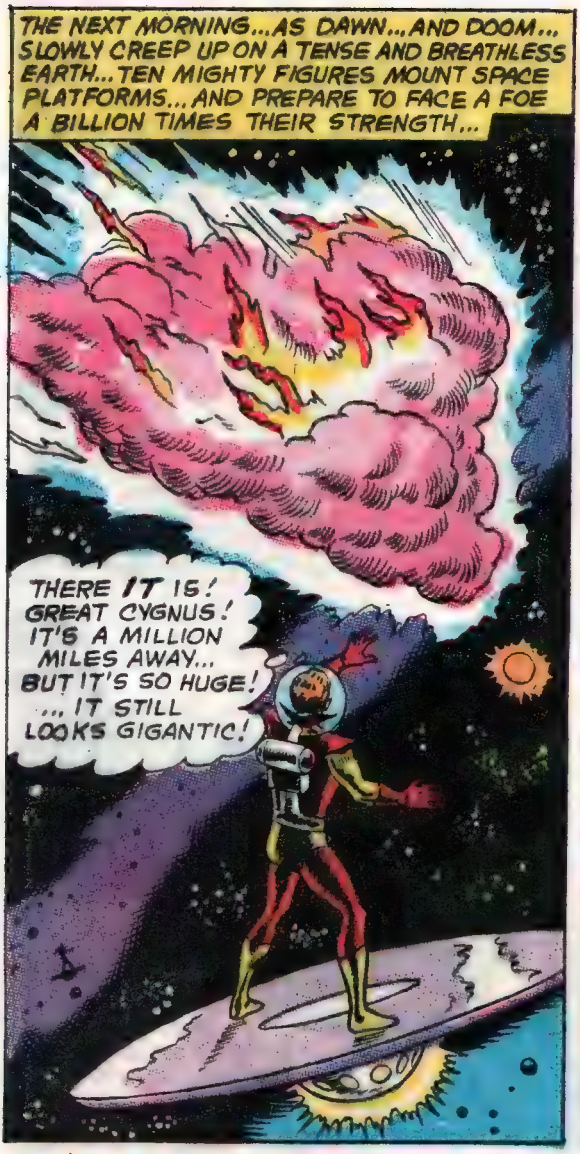
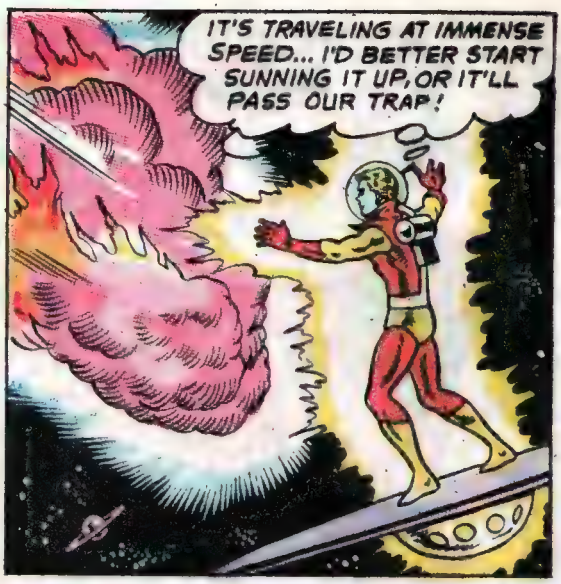
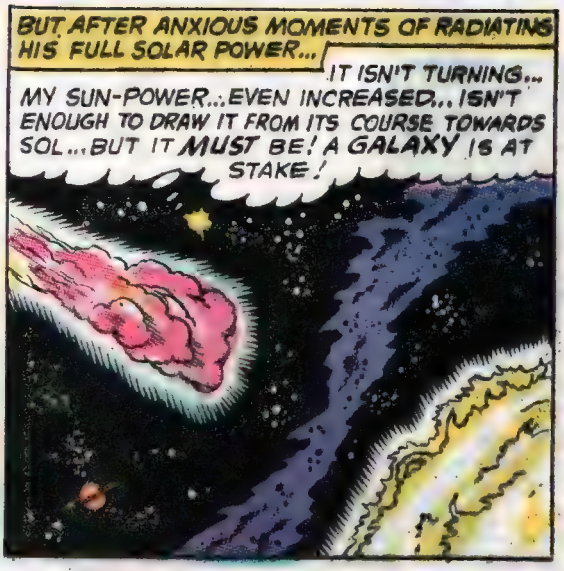
WE TWO COULD CONQUER MY HOME PLANET AND RULE TOGETHER! WE'LL LEAVE THE OTHERS TO THE SUN-EATER!
TREACHERY... ALREADY! I WAS AFRAID BRINGING THE FATAL FIVE TOGETHER MIGHT COME TO THIS!
SORRY, EMPRESS!
YOU REFUSE?... PERHAPS THIS WILL CONVINCE YOU!
KRYPTONITE! GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE... FAST... BEFORE I'M OVERCOME!
SUDDENLY...
SUPERBOY... SUPERBOY...
SOMEONE'S COMING... THERE WILL BE ANOTHER TIME, MY FRIEND!
GASP! JUST IN TIME!
SUPERBOY! I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU! THAROK'S CALLED US ALL UP TO THE CONFERENCE ROOM! HE HAS A PLAN!
SOON...
MY SCHEME IS SIMPLE! THE COURSE OF THE SUN-EATER IS... HERE... TOWARD SOL! BUT IF SUN BOY IS PLACED HERE, ON A FLOATING SPACE PLATFORM, HIS SUN-POWER MIGHT LURE IT TO ONE SIDE...
EARTH
SOL
SUN BOY
SUN EATER
THEN, THE PERSUADER, STATIONED HERE, WILL DIVIDE THE MONSTER INTO EIGHT SECTIONS WITH HIS ENERGY-SLICING AXE... AND THE REST OF YOU CAN DESTROY THE INDIVIDUAL PIECES! I WILL SUPERVISE THE OPERATION.
SUN EATER
VALIDUS
PRINCESS PROJECTRA
PERSUADER
COSMIC BOY
SUPERBOY
FE FERRO LAD
EMERALD EMPRESS
MANO
SUN BOY

FINE! BUT WILL IT WORK?
UNFORTUNATELY, ...NO!
NO? WHAT DO YOU MEAN, NO? WHAT'S WRONG?
DESPITE ALL YOUR AWESOME POWERS... COMPARED TO EVEN A FRACTION OF ITS FORCE...YOU ARE NOTHING!
WHAT CAN WE DO?
WE CAN INCREASE YOUR POWERS BY PLACING YOU IN THIS INTENSIFIER I BUILT! IT DRAWS ANTI-ENERGY FROM THE ANTI-MATTER UNIVERSE! THE ENERGY IS SO POTENT THAT EVEN THE INVULNERABLE SUPERBOY AND VALIDUS WILL BE AFFECTED!
NOW!
IT'S WORKING! I FEEL SUCH POWER AS I'VE NEVER FELT BEFORE!
EVEN VALIDUS, WHO IS POWER PERSONIFIED, LOOKS BIGGER AND STRONGER!
SOON...
HMM...WE'VE ALL BEEN INSTALLED IN SEPARATE CABINETS... AND WIRED UP LIKE CHRISTMAS TREES...
THE SUPER-CHARGING EFFECTS OF THE ANTI-ENERGY UNFORTUNATELY LAST ONLY THREE DAYS, BUT THAT WILL BE LONG ENOUGH TO BATTLE IT!
YES, VALIDUS IS STILL MORE POWERFUL...BUT NO ONE SUSPECTS THAT BY A SPECIAL HOOKUP IN HIS CABINET, I HAVE PUT HIM UNDER MY MENTAL CONTROL! NOW I COMMAND HIM!

AS THE SUPER-BEINGS EMERGE...
SUCH POWER ...IT'S ALL I CAN DO TO KEEP FROM BURSTING INTO FLAME!
YOW! I'D BETTER TURN OFF MY SUPER-MAGNETISM BEFORE I PULL THE SHIP APART!
THE SUN-EATER IS DUE TO ARRIVE TOMORROW... BUT NOW... WE'RE READY!
I SUGGEST WE GET A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP! WE'LL NEED OUR WITS TOMORROW!
LATE THAT NIGHT, AS THE LEGIONNAIRES REST...
WHAT'S THIS SECRET MEETING FOR, ANYWAY? I'M SICK OF YOUR IDIOTIC ORDERS! I'M LEAVING!
NOW'S MY CHANCE TO TEST MY INFLUENCE OVER VALIDUS!
YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE... IS HE, VALIDUS?
VALIDUS? ...EH? URR!
YOU... WILL... STAY!
HA, HA! HE FOLLOWS MY SLIGHTEST SUGGESTION! I KNEW HE WOULD COME IN HANDY!
AND SO... THE LEGIONNAIRES BROUGHT US TOGETHER TO SAVE THE GALAXY... AND WE WILL... FOR OURSELVES! WE'LL CONQUER IT ...KILL THOSE LEGION FOOLS, AND RULE ALL!
NO! I NEED SUPERBOY TO CONQUER MY PLANET FOR ME!
BAH! WE WILL CONQUER A HUNDRED PLANETS FOR YOU, EMPRESS! NOW... ALL OF YOU! PLEDGE YOUR ALLEGIANCE TO THE FATAL FIVE!


THE NEXT MORNING...AS DAWN...AND DOOM... SLOWLY CREEP UP ON A TENSE AND BREATHLESS EARTH...TEN MIGHTY FIGURES MOUNT SPACE PLATFORMS...AND PREPARE TO FACE A FOE A BILLION TIMES THEIR STRENGTH...
THERE IT IS! GREAT CYGNUS! IT'S A MILLION MILES AWAY... BUT IT'S SO HUGE! ...IT STILL LOOKS GIGANTIC!


IT'S TRAVELING AT IMMENSE SPEED... I'D BETTER START SUNNING IT UP, OR IT'LL PASS OUR TRAP!


BUT AFTER ANXIOUS MOMENTS OF RADIATING HIS FULL SOLAR POWER...
IT ISN'T TURNING... MY SUN-POWER...EVEN INCREASED...ISN'T ENOUGH TO DRAW IT FROM ITS COURSE TOWARDS SOL...BUT IT MUST BE! A GALAXY IS AT STAKE!

I'LL TRY HARDER! IT MUST TURN! I CAN'T FAIL NOW!
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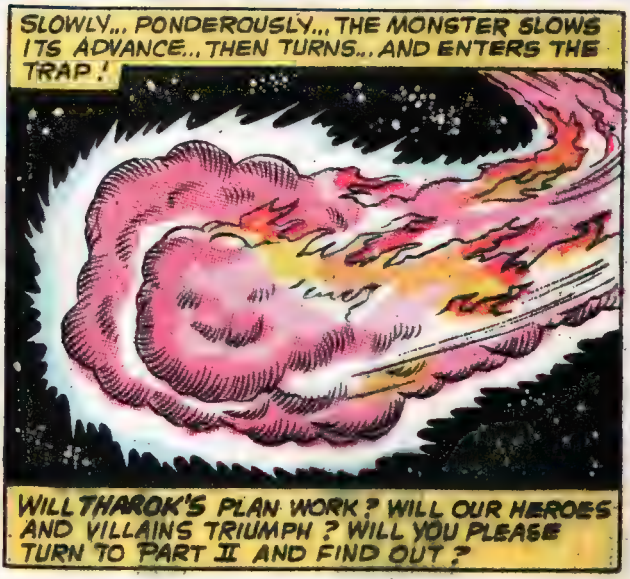
SLOWLY... PONDEROUSLY... THE MONSTER SLOWS ITS ADVANCE...THEN TURNS...AND ENTERS THE TRAP!
WILL THAROK'S PLAN WORK? WILL OUR HEROES AND VILLAINS TRIUMPH? WILL YOU PLEASE TURN TO PART II AND FIND OUT?

Dear Editor: Super-magnificent—that's what "The Outcast Super-Heroes" was. The plot was terrific; the art was wow!; the writing was tremendous. Every panel had me gasping. This was one of Curt Swan's best art achievements. The way the heroes were drawn made me appreciate them more. The villains were amazing and the battles between the monsters and the Legionnaires were stupendous. I loved seeing the convocation of the Legionnaires because it was so perfectly drawn. I can't wait to see the conclusion of the story. Your cover was too much! If you keep this up, you can easily beat Brands A to Z. —Tom Shields, Danville, Ill.

(Why not? We have more heroes in the Legion than most companies have in *all* their comics. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: This is the first time that I've ever written to any mag. But I read yours all the time and I think they are TREMENDOUS! I have one question. In a recent Direct Currents column, it says that Superboy and Supergirl get kicked out of the Legion. How can Supergirl be in the Legion when she didn't come to Earth until Superboy grew up to be Superman? —Jay Burdick, Bradford, R.I.

(You might as well ask how either one of the super-cousins can belong to a club which exists a thousand years after their time. The answer to both questions is the same: time travel —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I think it's a bit strange that all the Legionnaires in your magazines can live on Earth without any discomfort. Surely you don't expect us to believe that the Legionnaires all come from planets with the same atmosphere and temperature as Earth. Surely Saturn Girl wouldn't be able to live on Earth without special equipment, and I'm sure she is not the only one. So please clear up this point. —Norm Nichols, Arispe, Iowa.

(There are a good many Earthlike planets in the universe, and 30th-century science is able to help persons adapt to conditions on other worlds. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: An open letter to Elizabeth Kane and other readers like her:

Dear Readers: If you want ROMANCE, why don't you stick to the Romance Comics? Personally, I appreciate it when a comic is what it claims to be; and after all, this *is* ADVENTURE Comics. Please remember that. I stopped buying one brand of comics because their stories, whether science fiction, ghost stories, mysteries, or whatever, were nothing but glorified love stories, and I got sick of it. I wouldn't want to give up ADVENTURE or any other DC comic I enjoy, because up to now they have been the best on the market. But if they start saturating the non-romance mags with mush to please you lovesick puppies, it may call for drastic action . . . and I know a lot of people who feel the same way. —Dave Olsen, Santa Barbara, Calif.

(Never fear—when we call a mag ADVENTURE, we mean ADVENTURE! But what's wrong with including a little romance, too? We want to keep your kind *and* Liz's kind coming back for more! —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: ADVENTURE No. 351 was simply marvelous. Lightning Lad got his arm back, Bouncing Boy got his power back, Star Boy and Dream Girl got back into the Legion, and Color Kid even got Superboy and Supergirl back in. Well, everything is just fine except for one little difficulty. Where is Lone Wolf??? In ADVENTURE No. 331, you stated in the letter column that you would bring back Lone Wolf as soon as you could get another name for him. Well, you've certainly had time to think one up, so *bring him back!* —David Luhn, Fayetteville, Ark.

(Will do—very soon. Meanwhile, for L.W.'s new name, and a look at him as an adult, see the story in the next issue of ADVENTURE. It's a look at the Legion as they'll be when they grow up! —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: ADVENTURE No. 350 was the best issue ever! I can't wait to see if Supergirl and Superboy remain ousted from the Legion. The best part of the whole issue was when Shrinking Violet "operated" on Superboy by traveling through his bloodstream to his brain. That reminded me of one of my favorite movies—FANTASTIC VOYAGE. Did your writer see that picture and get the "operating scene" from it? —Jack Jodell, Minneapolis, Minn.

(He couldn't have, because the story was written *before* the movie was released. Writer E. Nelson Bridwell does confess to having read Isaac Asimov's novelization of the story, however. But the basic idea was used years ago in a Supergirl story. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: While leafing through my collection of ADVENTURE COMICS, I am amazed at how much the Legion has changed. Take issue 267, for example. This was some time before the regular Legion series started with No. 300. On the cover, Saturn Girl is emitting lightning bolts from her eyes; her hair is blonde and long. In the story, the Legionnaires fly with rocket belts, and Saturn Girl's hair is brown and short in a flip. Cosmic Boy's costume is pink and purple; Saturn Girl's is a sort of purplish cranberry. Cosmic Boy's hair lacks the cute wave it has now. The only one of the trio then featured who has not changed greatly is Lightning Lad, although he looks two or three years older now. All in all, the Legion has changed for the better, and if you ever drop this series, as you did the Bizarros, I will come down and picket your office. —Liz Kane, East Meadow, N.Y.

(Thanks for your high opinion of the Legion—and for not suggesting that the differences between the Super-Heroes then and now is due to careless editing on our part. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I have just finished ADVENTURE No. 349 and I had to sit down and write you. "The Rogue Legionnaire" was the *greatest* Legion story I ever read. There are simply not words in the English language to describe it! I especially liked the surprise ending, where we found that the Science Fair winner was Universo's son. Usually your Legion stories don't surprise me, because I know to expect anything, but this simply left me *stunned*, so that I had to read it again to make sure I had read it correctly the first time. There was one thing that puzzled me. How did Universo know that Shrinking Violet would be sent to Egypt and not Saturn Girl, Brainiac 5, or one of the others? He told the falconer of her shrinking power. Nevertheless, the story was *great*, and as a future writer myself, my hat is off to *any* 14-year-old who could write a tale like that! —Violet Smith, Santa Ana, Calif.

(Jim Shooter just celebrated his 15th birthday, but he thanks you just the same. As for Universo, he gave descriptions of all five Legionnaires to all five of his henchmen in the past. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Miss Terious and Sir Prize were a Mysterious Surprise! Yessir, we sure had a hard time coming to the conclusion that those mystery Legionnaires were actually Supergirl and Superboy in disguise! (And, being the cautious soul I am, I'm wondering if you're pulling a double-switch and fooling us all. Maybe Miss Terious is Night Girl and Sir Prize is Star Boy.) Though I'm not a proponent of the "one issue, one complete story" theory, I must say that the twelve pages of saying goodbye to Superboy and Supergirl seemed somewhat forced, just so the story would not end in this issue. Yes, I know these pages gave some "human interest" to the whole story, but I can't see the need for the super-cousins to forget the Legion! —Irene Vartanoff, Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Ill.

(By now you've seen the cover of the follow-up issue and *know* why we wanted the forgetfulness bit. When we put complications in our stories, we don't mess around! What could be worse than a Legion trying to get help from a Superboy who doesn't remember them? And, incidentally, congrats on correctly unmasking Sir Prize as Star Boy. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: With today's magazines putting stress on sensationalism and misleading titles, I have been wondering what sort of scandals a magazine of the far future would dream up about the Legion. Here are some of the stories that one might find in a mag called THE LEGION LOWDOWN: Lightning Lad and Matter-Eater Lad: "The Shock They Couldn't Stomach!" . . . Superboy: "Lana Lang Is Only Half a Woman Compared to Duo Damsel!" . . . Invisible Kid: "The Leader Nobody Notices!" . . . Light Lass: "Don't Ask Me About—MY BROTHER'S SWEETHEART!" . . . "Don't Be Afraid of the Dark" by Sun Boy. —Elizabeth Kane, East Meadow, N.Y.

(And how about these: "The Problems of Being Short" by Shrinking Violet . . . "Big Man on Campus" by Colossal Boy! . . . and "The Day My Illusions Were Shattered" by Princess Projectra. By the way, Liz, you have *two* letters in this issue! After Dave Olsen's letter, this should make you feel better. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: In the November issue you made a remark about one of my favorite heroes, put out by a competitor of yours. I know which web-headed character Chameleon Boy was talking about, and it's this kind of remark that makes the Comic Kingdom a rotten profession. Please—no more remarks about Spidey. By the way, how come Lightning Lad and Saturn Girl are calling each other by their first names? —Gene Comeau, Norwich, Conn.

(Gosh, Gene, we didn't mean to get your dander up! It was just a little joke! If we went around weeping and gnashing our teeth every time someone told a gag about Superman, we'd be neck-deep in tears! As for L.L. and S.G., don't you think they've known each other long enough to use the names Garth and Imra —especially since they're engaged? —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Begging your humble pardon, O ye almighty Editor, but I think you have flipped! From what I have gathered, ADVENTURE No. 351 *should* include most of the Legionnaires, the identity of the surprising Sir Prize and the mysterious Miss Terious, the reason Lightning Lad was kidnapped, some of the Substitute Heroes, Mr. Mxyzptlk versus Mon-El and Superboy, and the Devil's Dozen. Also, I don't know why, but I think Lightning Lad will get a human arm. Anyone who can put all that in *one* issue is really nuts! —M. Shelby Silver, Baltimore, Md.

(By now you know that Nelson did it all and more—including an appearance of the Super-Pets and the return of Bouncing Boy. And, since Nels admits to being a contributor to MAD and the author of THE INFERIOR FIVE, we figure he *must* be nuts! —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: It is very rarely that I am really satisfied with a comic, and still stranger for me to praise it, but in this case I seem to have no alternative. What a magnificent display your October cover presented! Universo dominates, his "evil eye" pendant gleaming at the reader. Please don't bring him back and make him sink to robbing banks; just reprint this story every five years. Now, may I present some criticisms? As you have doubtless been informed by other budding Egyptologists, the Egyptians wore white generally. But using Horus for the name of the falcon was a stroke of genius. When you sent Colossal Boy to old England, I hoped you would introduce Beowulf, Guthrum, or Alfred the Great instead of simply transporting a few score later Medieval soldiers to the seventh century. You certainly edited my loud complaint about characterization in the letter column and, what's far better, you refuted it with the wonderful touch of presenting Universo's immense capacity for good in the person of his son. If you publish more such stories, thanks to James Shooter and Curt Swan, I predict that ye Editor will have to fight his way into the office, through congratulatory mail! —A. C. Bethune, Ottawa, Ont., Canada.

(Just blame the Egyptian costumes on our hue-happy colorist. And we'd remind you that one can't be expected to run into a celebrity in every era. We think the Legion did mighty well to meet an Inca, Napoleon, and Kublai Khan. For the rest of your letter, our blushes of modesty tell the tale! —Ed.)

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PART II

"SLAIN BY THE SUN-EATER!"

...AND AS THE AWESOME CLOUD OF LIVING, PULSATING ENERGIES ADVANCES UNTHINKING INTO THE MOUTH OF THE TRAP... THE FIRST BLOW IS STRUCK!

IT WORKS! JUST AS **THAROK** SAID, THE BEEFED-UP POWER OF MY **ATOMIC AXE** IS ENOUGH TO SLICE THROUGH THE CLOUDY ENERGIES... I CAN SUCCESSFULLY DIVIDE IT INTO SMALLER, BUT IDENTICAL MASSES... NOW IT'S UP TO THE OTHERS TO **DESTROY** THEM!

THEN... AS A SEMBLANCE OF OUR HUMAN EMOTION OF RAGE... BUT A MILLION TIMES **STRONGER**... SWEEPS THROUGH EACH SEGMENT, PLANET-SPLITTING FORCE-BOLTS LASH OUT... ONLY TO BE MET BY THE EQUALLY DEVASTATING POWER OF **VALIDUS**!

WITH UNCONTROLLABLE FURY, THE GARGANTUAN FIGURE WADES INTO THE MASS, COUNTERING ENERGY WITH ENERGY... FORCE WITH FORCE... DESTROYING, BIT BY BIT, THE VAPOROUS PLASMA...

ONLY TO STAGGER OUT MINUTES LATER... EXHAUSTED... CHARRED... OVERWHELMED BY THE LIMITLESS FORCE OF THE **SUN-EATER!**

MEANWHILE, IN THE GREAT STARSHIP...
VALIDUS... THE MIGHTIEST OF ALL... DEFEATED! THAT LEAVES LITTLE HOPE!... EVEN HE COULD ONLY REDUCE THE MONSTER'S STRENGTH SLIGHTLY... HMM..! HIS AUTOMATIC SPACE-PLATFORM IS NOW RETURNING HIM HERE!
VALIDUS... SAID TO BE STRONGER THAN I... FELLED! I MUST LEARN FROM HIS MISTAKE... USE MY HEAD INSTEAD OF MY MUSCLE... PERHAPS MY HEAT VISION...
OH, NO! IT ABSORBED MY HEAT VISION AND FED ON IT! IT'S SUDDENLY GROWN AND ENVELOPED ME! AUGHH! IT CONTAINS ANTI-ENERGY AND ANTI-MATTER... IT CAN'T DESTROY ME... BUT.... WHAT PAIN!
IN DESPERATION, THE BOY OF STEEL CHANGES TACTICS, AND...
BY WHIRLING AT SUPER-SPEED, I CAN DISSIPATE SOME OF ITS ENERGY INTO SPACE... IF I CAN ONLY KEEP THIS UP! BUT ITS STILL SEARING ME!... MY SUPER-COSTUME IS SMOLDERING!
SUDDENLY, IN A BLINDING FLASH OF LIGHT AND HEAT...
IT HAS EATEN THOUSANDS OF RED SUNS... IT'S SOMEHOW SENSED THAT I HAVE NO POWERS UNDER A RED SUN! SO NOW IT'S BLASTING ME WITH RED-SUN RAYS... ...OOOoHHH!

THE BOY OF STEEL... UNCONSCIOUS... INJURED! BUT AGAIN AT THE EXPENSE OF MUCH ENERGY TO THE SUN-EATER! PERHAPS... YES! I MUST WORK QUICKLY! I MUST COMPLETE MY IDEA IN TIME!
MEANWHILE, COSMIC BOY TAKES HIS TURN AT BAT...
WITH SUPERBOY OUT OF ACTION, OUR CHANCES ARE VIRTUALLY NIL... BUT NOBODY'LL BE ABLE TO SAY I DIDN'T GIVE IT A GOOD TRY!
PLASMA, OR BURNING IONS... AND SOME ENERGIES... THE MAIN CONSTITUENTS OF THE SUN-EATER... ARE ELECTRICALLY CHARGED ... SO I CAN USE MY MAGNETIC POWER TO PULL IT APART!
IT'S WORKING... BUT I CAN ONLY HANDLE SO MUCH ENERGY AT A TIME... AND I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING SO VAST! I'M OVERTAXING MYSELF! IT'S COMING TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT!
WITH LAST-DITCH DETERMINATION, COSMIC BOY UNLEASHES A FINAL MAGNETIC BLAST, BUT...
IT'S NO USE! IT'S HURLING TONS OF WHITE-HOT PLASMA AT ME! I MUST ERECT A MAGNETIC SHELL FAST!
AS THE ENERGY-MISTS CLOSE AROUND THE MAGNETIC SHELL, THE EMPRESS PREPARES TO FACE HER SEGMENT OF THE SUN-EATER...
NO MATTER HOW STRONG THE FORCE-THING IS, NOTHING IS A MATCH FOR THE EYE!
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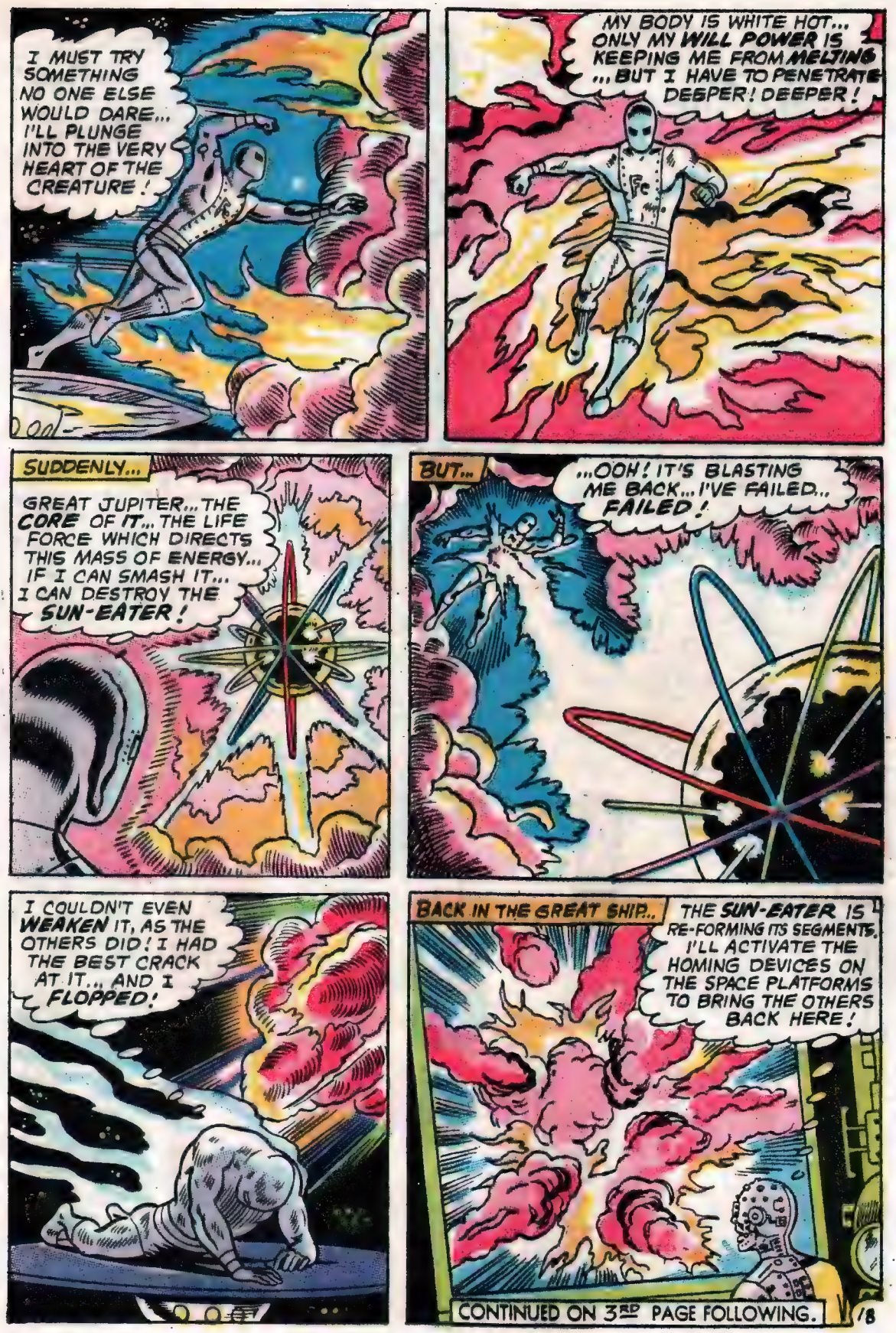
THE EYE GIVES ITS POSSESSOR THE POWER TO LIVE IN THE CHILL AIRLESSNESS OF SPACE...
NOW... SAP THE ENERGY OF THE SUN-EATER!
IT ISN'T STOPPING! ...MY EMERALD EYE'S STRAINING TO ITS UTMOST ...BUT THE MONSTER STILL COMES! I MUST TRY HARDER!
BUT...
THE EYE! I OVERTAXED IT! IT HAS BARELY ENOUGH POWER TO KEEP ME ALIVE IN SPACE! I'M DOOMED! IT IS REACHING OUT... AEEEE!
...BUT AT THE LAST MOMENT...
IT LEFT!...THE THING SENSED I COULD DO NO MORE HARM! THE MIGHTY EMPRESS... WAS BENEATH ITS NOTICE!
IT'S PRINCESS PROJECTRA'S TURN...
MY ILLUSION OF KALOSAURS, WHICH DEVOUR ENERGY, HAS NO EFFECT... IT MUST SENSE ONLY HEAT AND LIGHT!

ONLY ONE CHANCE! I'LL CREATE AN ILLUSION OF BLINDING LIGHT IN ALL DIRECTIONS! THE SUN-EATER WILL INSTINCTIVELY FOLLOW IT AND PULL ITSELF APART!
BUT...
IT'S WORKING TOO SLOWLY...THE MONSTER WILL REACH ME BEFORE I CAN STOP IT!...I CAN ALREADY FEEL THE HEAT... I'LL BE... INCINERATED!
AS THE HUNGRY, BURNING ENERGY MISTS PREPARE TO CLOSE ABOUT THE VALIANT GIRL... A GRIM FIGURE ENTERS THE SCENE...
IT'S VALIDUS... HE'S ATTACKING THE SUN-EATER, EVEN THOUGH HE'S WOUNDED FROM HIS OWN BATTLE, HE LEFT THE SHIP TO SAVE ME! HE'S NOT REALLY EVIL... HE DOESN'T DELIBERATELY DO WRONG!
FOR LONG MINUTES, THE TWO ANTAGONISTS BATTLE... THEN, FINALLY...
HE DID IT! HE FORCED IT TO RETREAT... BUT HE'S BEEN HURT AGAIN! I MUST GET HIM TO THE SHIP!
I'LL TAKE YOU BACK, VALIDUS! THAROK'S MACHINES WILL HEAL YOUR WOUNDS!

AT THAT MOMENT...
AH! MY PORTION OF THE SUN-EATER HAS ARRIVED! NOW... TO DESTROY IT!
I'LL ANNIHILATE THE MONSTER, PIECE BY PIECE! EVEN IT CAN'T SURVIVE MY HAND! THIS WILL PROVE MY SUPERIORITY!
BUT SUDDENLY...
OH, NO!... THE CREATURE HAS SOMEHOW SENSED MY WEAKNESS! I HAVE ONLY ONE HAND TO STRIKE WITH... AND IT HAS CREATED HUNDREDS OF LIMBS... I CAN'T STOP THEM ALL... THEY'RE GOING TO STRIKE ME!
EHAHH!
AND, FACING HIS SEGMENT OF IT, WE FIND FERRO LAD..
ALL THE OTHERS WERE DEFEATED.. ONLY SUN BOY AND I REMAIN... AND HE'S STRAINED HIS POWERS TOO MUCH ALREADY TO BATTLE HIS SEGMENT! IT'S ALL UP TO ME!


I MUST TRY SOMETHING NO ONE ELSE WOULD DARE... I'LL PLUNGE INTO THE VERY HEART OF THE CREATURE!
MY BODY IS WHITE HOT... ONLY MY WILL POWER IS KEEPING ME FROM MELTING ...BUT I HAVE TO PENETRATE DEEPER! DEEPER!
SUDDENLY...
GREAT JUPITER... THE CORE OF IT... THE LIFE FORCE WHICH DIRECTS THIS MASS OF ENERGY... IF I CAN SMASH IT... I CAN DESTROY THE SUN-EATER!
BUT...
...OOH! IT'S BLASTING ME BACK... I'VE FAILED... FAILED!
I COULDN'T EVEN WEAKEN IT, AS THE OTHERS DID! I HAD THE BEST CRACK AT IT... AND I FLOPPED!
BACK IN THE GREAT SHIP..
THE SUN-EATER IS RE-FORMING ITS SEGMENTS. I'LL ACTIVATE THE HOMING DEVICES ON THE SPACE PLATFORMS TO BRING THE OTHERS BACK HERE!
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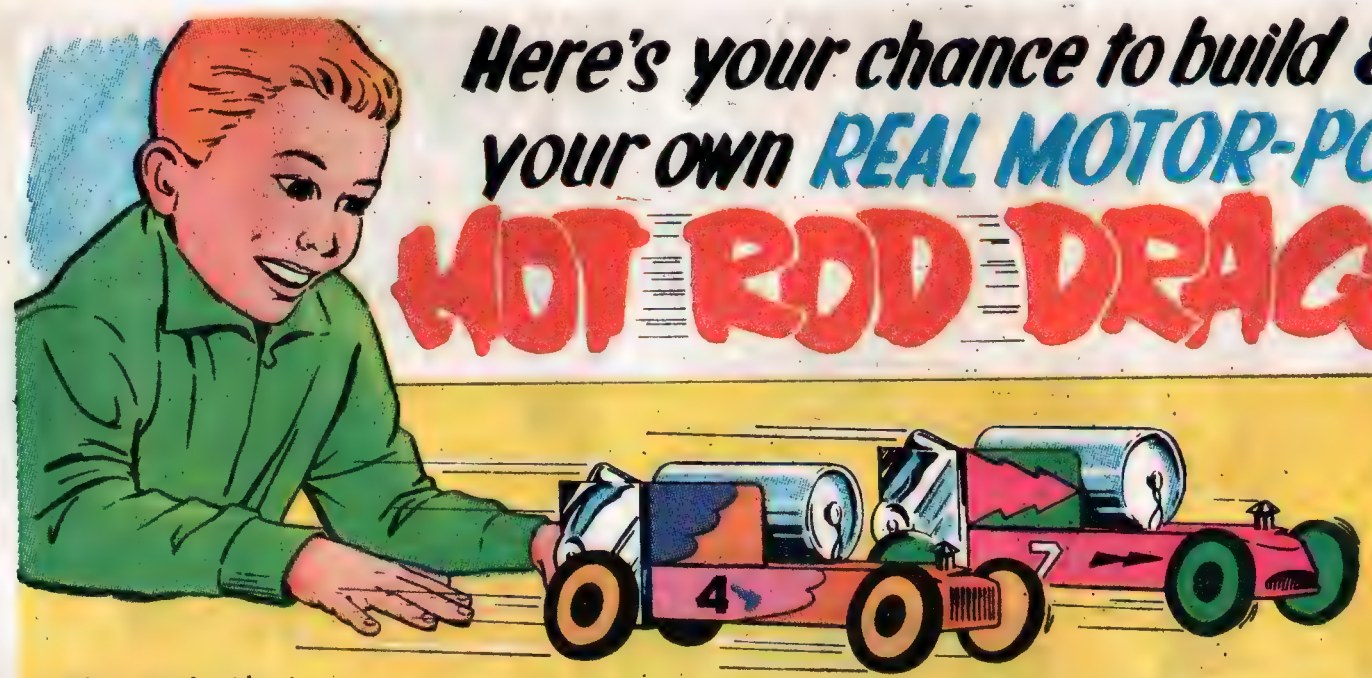

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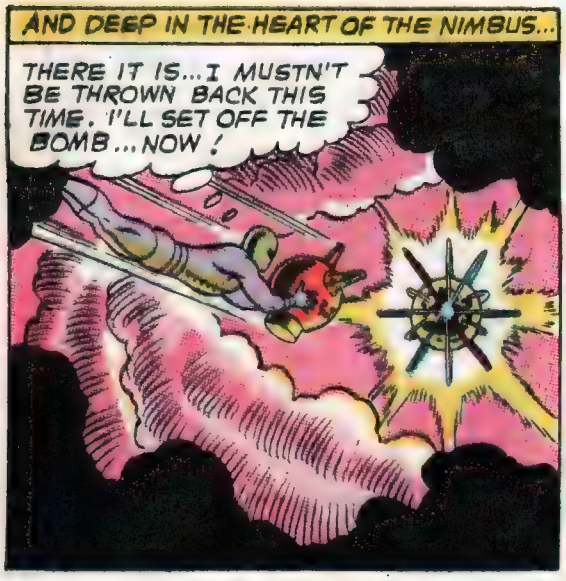
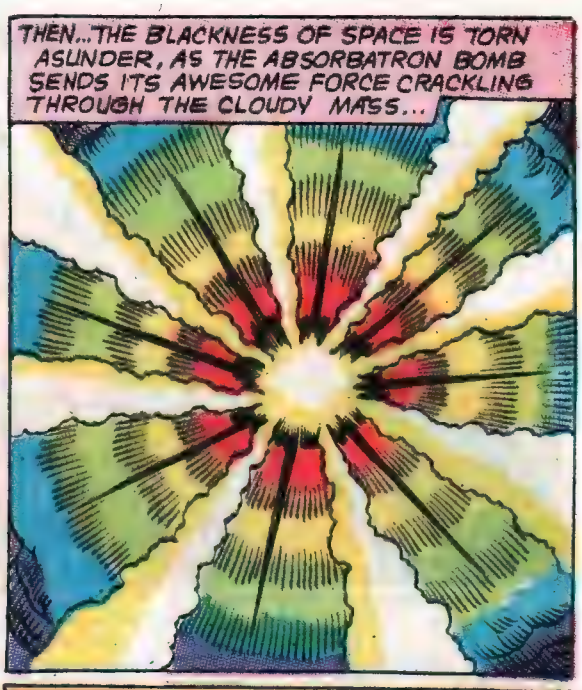
SUN BOY AND THE PERSUADER HAVE REVIVED THE INJURED ONES... NO ONE IS SERIOUSLY HURT...
THAROK! IT IS BACK ON A COURSE TOWARD SOL!
I KNOW, YOU BABBLING FOOL! BUT I HAVE A NEW IDEA!
I USED MY HALF-HUMAN, HALF-ROBOT BRAIN TO ANALYZE THE DEGREE EACH OF YOU WEAKENED IT, THEN USED MY COMPUTATIONS TO BUILD THIS ABSORBATRON BOMB! IF WE CAN GET IT TO THE SUN-EATER'S CORE, THE BOMB CAN ABSORB ALL ITS POWER!
THEN WHY WASTE TIME TALKING? LAUNCH THE BOMB!
I HAD NO TIME TO MAKE A PROPULSION SYSTEM... OR A TIMING DEVICE! SOMEONE MUST CARRY THE BOMB INTO IT ...AND DIE TO SAVE THE GALAXY!
I'LL GO... I'M INVULNERABLE ... I'LL HAVE THE BEST CHANCE TO SURVIVE!
BUT SUDDENLY...
NO, YOU WON'T! THAT THING HAS YOUR NUMBER! YOU'RE STILL TOO WEAK FROM ITS RED-SUN BARRAGE TO STOP ME FROM DOING THIS!
UHH!
STOP HIM! STOP HIM!
TOO LATE! HE'S OUT THE AIRLOCK!
FERRO LAD'S DISAPPEARED ...INTO IT!


AND DEEP IN THE HEART OF THE NIMBUS...
THERE IT IS...I MUSTN'T BE THROWN BACK THIS TIME. I'LL SET OFF THE BOMB...NOW!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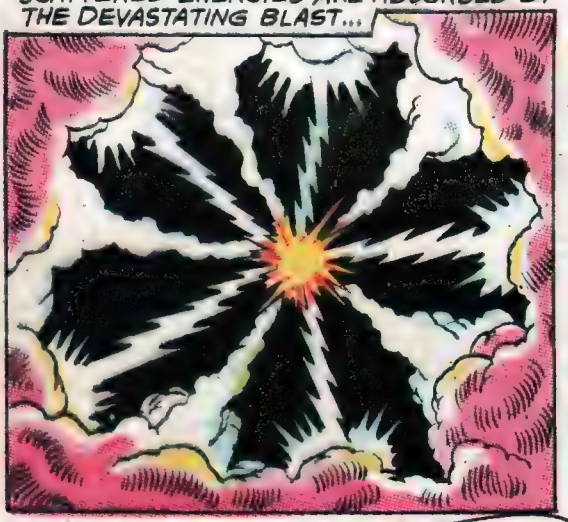
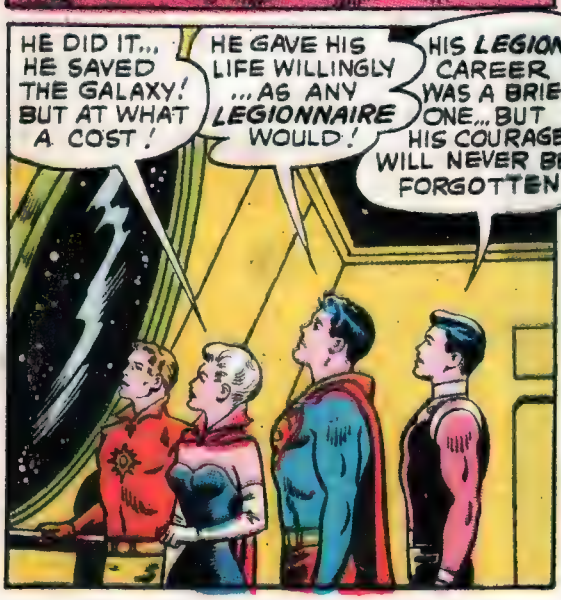
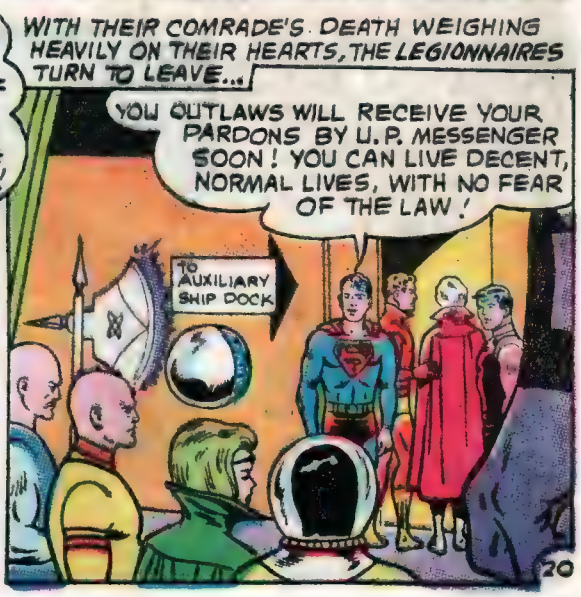

NEXT, THE SECOND PHASE TAKES PLACE...THE SCATTERED ENERGIES ARE ABSORBED BY THE DEVASTATING BLAST...

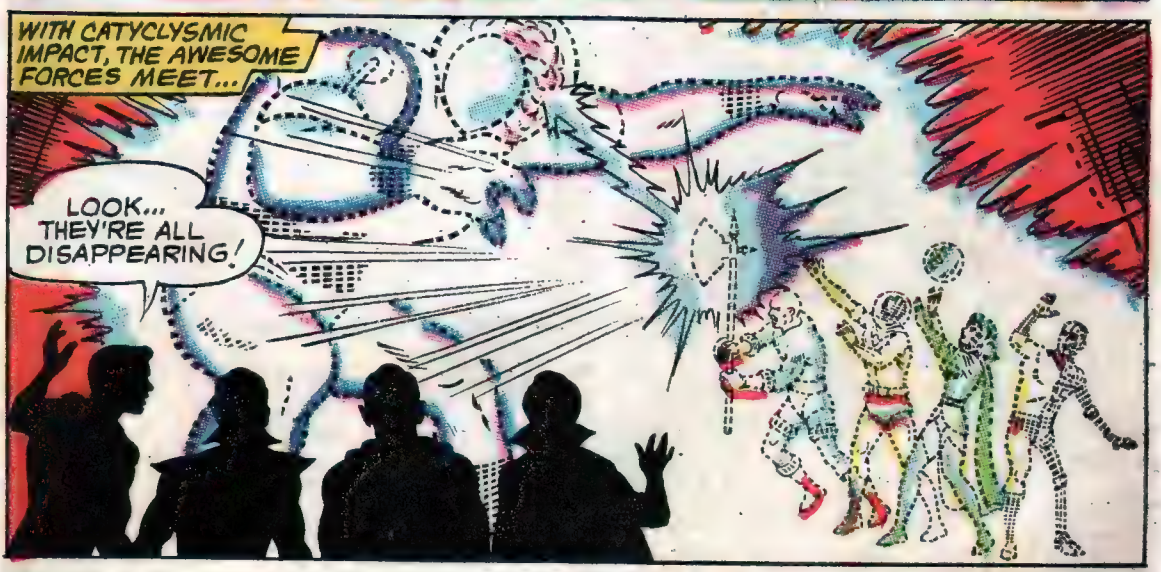
AND, FINALLY, WITH THE SAME TERRIFYING SUDDENNESS WITH WHICH IT BEGAN...IS OVER...


HE DID IT... HE SAVED THE GALAXY! BUT AT WHAT A COST!
HE GAVE HIS LIFE WILLINGLY ...AS ANY LEGIONNAIRE WOULD!
HIS LEGION CAREER WAS A BRIEF ONE... BUT HIS COURAGE WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN!


WITH THEIR COMRADE'S DEATH WEIGHING HEAVILY ON THEIR HEARTS, THE LEGIONNAIRES TURN TO LEAVE...
YOU OUTLAWS WILL RECEIVE YOUR PARDONS BY U.P. MESSENGER SOON! YOU CAN LIVE DECENT, NORMAL LIVES, WITH NO FEAR OF THE LAW!
TO AUXILIARY SHIP DOCK

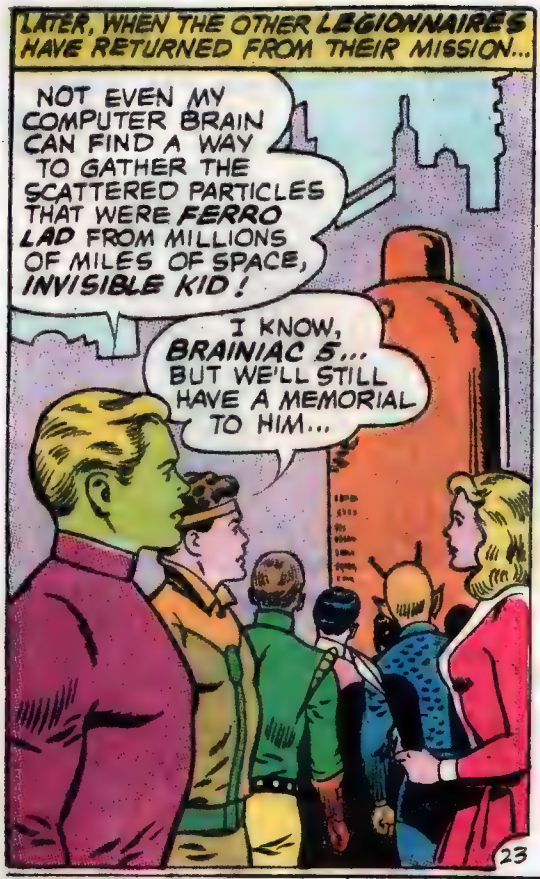
FOOLS! DO YOU REALLY THINK WE'LL REFORM ON YOUR SAY-SO? BAH! EMPRESS! STOP THEM!
THE DOOR SHUT!
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?
TO AUXILIARY SHIP DOCK
IDIOTS! HAVEN'T YOU REALIZED YET? WE'RE TEAMING UP TO CONQUER THE GALAXY! THANKS FOR BRINGING US TOGETHER! TO SHOW OUR REGARD, WE'LL KILL YOU ALL QUICKLY!
YOU CAN'T... WE'LL...UH...!
YOU'RE STILL TOO WEAK FROM YOUR BATTLE WITH IT... THE EMPRESS WILL PUT YOU ALL IN FETTERS!
SEE, LEGIONNAIRES, HOW MY EMERALD EYE HOLDS YOU HELPLESS?
IT'S BOUND ME WITH KRYPTONITE CHAINS!
NOW... VALIDUS! I COMMAND YOU... DESTROY THEM!
I -- OBEY!
OF COURSE. MY CONTROL IS ABSOLUTE!
SLOWLY...OMINOUSLY, THE MIGHTIEST OF THE FATAL FIVE ADVANCES! THE MENTAL LIGHTNING GROWS BRIGHTER AROUND HIS HEAD... HE SUMMONS HIS ENERGY... PREPARES TO THROW THE BOLT SPELLING DOOM FOR THE LEGION... THEN ...
NO!
VALIDUS... YOU RISKED YOUR LIFE TO SAVE MINE... CAN YOU KILL ME NOW? FIGHT OFF THAROK'S EVIL INFLUENCE! TRY... YOU CAN DO IT!
VALIDUS! DESTROY THEM! YOU HAVE NO CHOICE!

...NO... I CAN'T...
YOU'RE EVIL... I WILL DESTROY YOU FIRST!
YOU CAN'T DEFY ME! PERSUADER... EMPRESS! MANO! KILL HIM!


WITH CATYCLYSMIC IMPACT, THE AWESOME FORCES MEET...
LOOK... THEY'RE ALL DISAPPEARING!

ARE THEY... DEAD?
WHO CAN SAY? COULD EVEN THAT TERRIBLE ONSLAUGHT HAVE DESTROYED VALIDUS? ...OR COULD IT HAVE BURST A DIMENSIONAL BARRIER THAT SENT THEM ALL INTO SOME LIMBO?

WHATEVER THEIR FATE... FOR SOME STRANGE REASON... I FEEL WE HAVEN'T HEARD THE LAST OF THE FATAL FIVE! BUT RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE SOMETHING TO PREPARE!


LATER, WHEN THE OTHER LEGIONNAIRES HAVE RETURNED FROM THEIR MISSION...
NOT EVEN MY COMPUTER BRAIN CAN FIND A WAY TO GATHER THE SCATTERED PARTICLES THAT WERE FERRO LAD FROM MILLIONS OF MILES OF SPACE, INVISIBLE KID!
I KNOW, BRAINIAC 5... BUT WE'LL STILL HAVE A MEMORIAL TO HIM...
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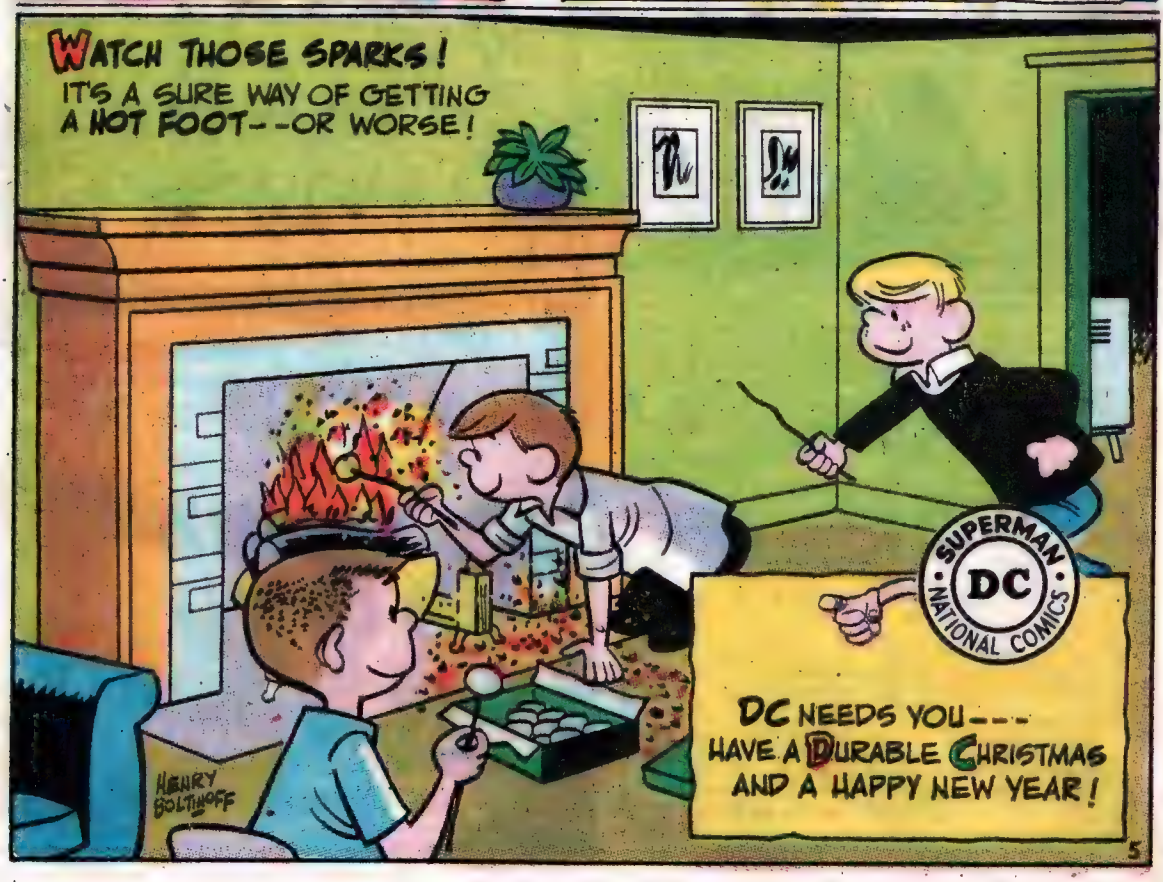
...THAT SPECIAL MISSILE, WHICH WILL STAND THROUGH ETERNITY, ON THE CEMETERY SATELLITE, SHANGHALIA, THE RESTING PLACE OF HEROES FROM ALL OVER THE UNIVERSE!
FERRO LAD'S SACRIFICE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOREVER!
IN MEMORIAM ANDREW NOLAN (FERRO LAD) A MUTANT WHOSE NON-HUMAN FACE WAS KEPT HIDDEN BEHIND A MASK. HE GAVE HIS LIFE TO SAVE THIS GALAXY.
The End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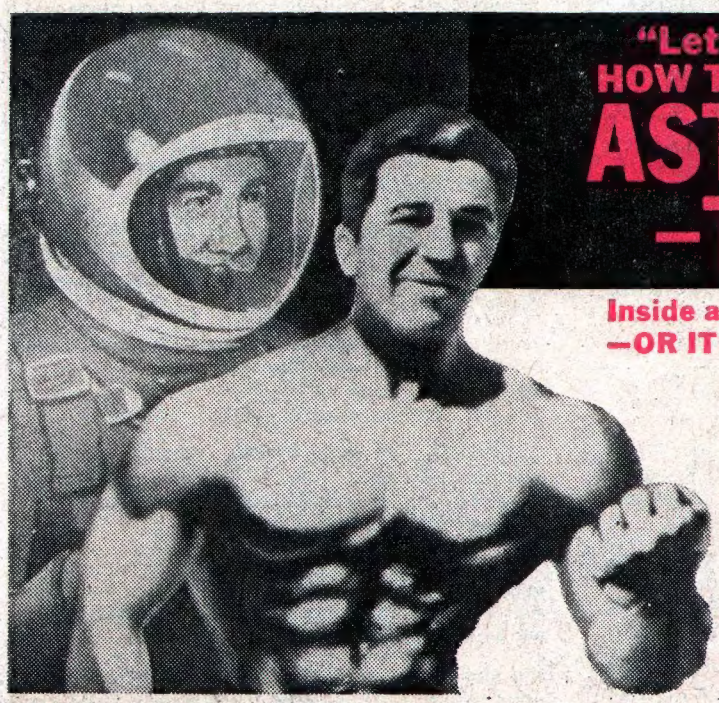

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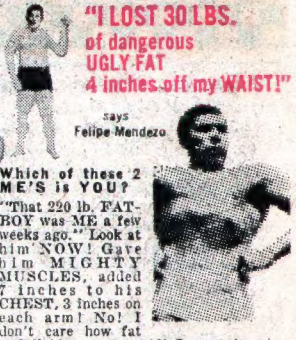

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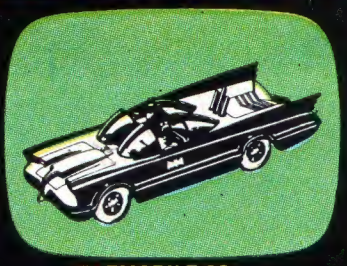

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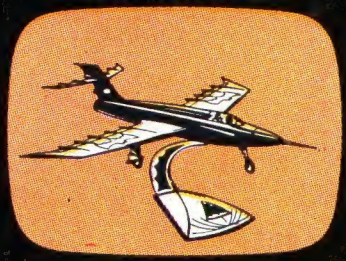

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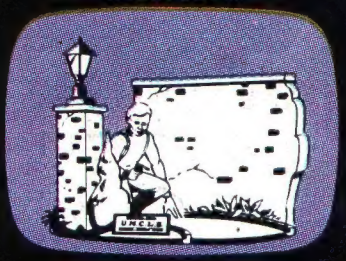

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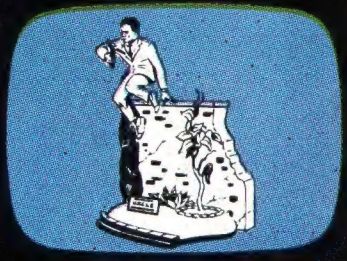

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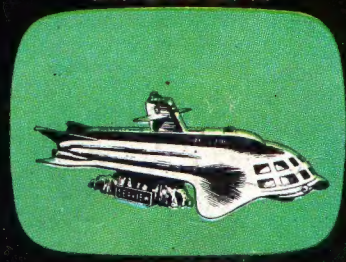

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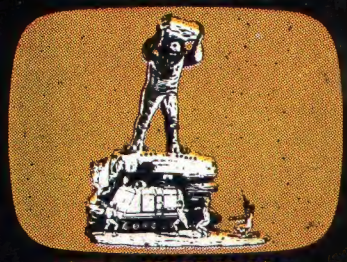

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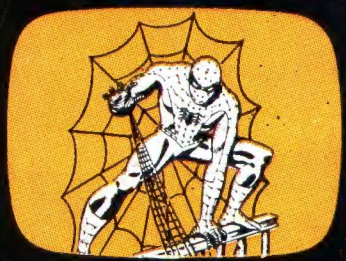

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